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SUBJECT: SPD LOSES MAJORITY IN MUNICH CITY COUNCIL

1. SUMMARY: PROCESS OF SPLINTERING OF MUNICH SPD ADVANCED  
ANOTHER STEP WITH ANNOUNCEMENT APRIL 15 OF FURTHER DEFECTIONS  
OF SPD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. SPD HAS LOST ITS MAJORITY IN CITY  
COUNCIL, AND ITS PROSPECTS OF WINNING 1978 COMMUNAL ELECTIONS  
IN MUNICH HAVE BEEN DEALT ANOTHER DAMAGING BLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PRESS STATEMENT DATED APRIL 15, FOUR ADDITIONAL  
SPD "STADTRAETE" (CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS) ANNOUNCED THEIR  
RESIGNATION FROM SPD. SAME STATEMENT ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF  
SIX-MEMBER INDEPENDENT GROUP IN MUNICH CITY COUNCIL TO BE  
CALLED "SOCIAL CITY COUNCIL BLOCK" (SOZIALE RATHAUSBLOCK)  
OR SRB. DEPUTY MAYORS HELMUT GITTEL AND ECKHART MUELLER-  
HEYDENREICH, WHO RESIGNED FROM SPD ON DECEMBER 16, 1976, ARE  
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OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF SRB.

3. EXCEPT FOR MUELLER-HEYDENREICH, MEMBERS OF SRB HAVE DECLARED  
INTENTION TO RUN FOR MUNICH CITY COUNCIL IN 1978 COMMUNAL  
ELECTIONS.

4. AT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 18, MUNICH SPD CHIEF MAX VON HECKEL,

WHO WILL BE SPD'S CANDIDATE FOR LORD MAYOR OF MUNICH IN 1978,  
CHARACTERIZED SRB AS "AUXILIARY" (HILFSTRUPPEN) OF CSU.  
VON HECKEL SAID HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT FURTHER DEFECTIONS,  
BUT DID NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER THEM IMPOSSIBLE.

5. SPD'S LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR MUNICH CITY COUCNIL IN 1978  
WILL BE DRAWN UP MAY 7. CONGEN BELIEVES THAT FURTHER DEFECTIONS,  
IF THERE ARE ANY, COULD OCCUR SHORTLY AFTER THIS DATE.

6. COMMENT: FORMATION OF SRB AND NEW DEFECTIONS FROM MUNICH  
SPD WEAKEN FURTHER SPD'S PROSPECTS OF REGAINING CONTROL OF MUNICH  
CITY COUNCIL IN 1978. OREOVER, THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT HAS UNDER-  
MINED ASSERTIONS OF VON HECKEL, SPD BUSINESS MANAGER BAHR AND  
OTHER SPD LEADERS THAT SITUATION IN MUNICH SPD WAS CONSOLIDATED  
IN EARLY 1977. CONGEN BELIEVES IT WAS NO REPEAT NO ACCIDENT  
THAT VON HECKEL AVOIDED TELLING PRESS TODAY THAT SPD EXPECTS TO  
WIN 1978 COMMUNAL ELECTIONS HERE.  
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